



THE FIFTH

REGISTER

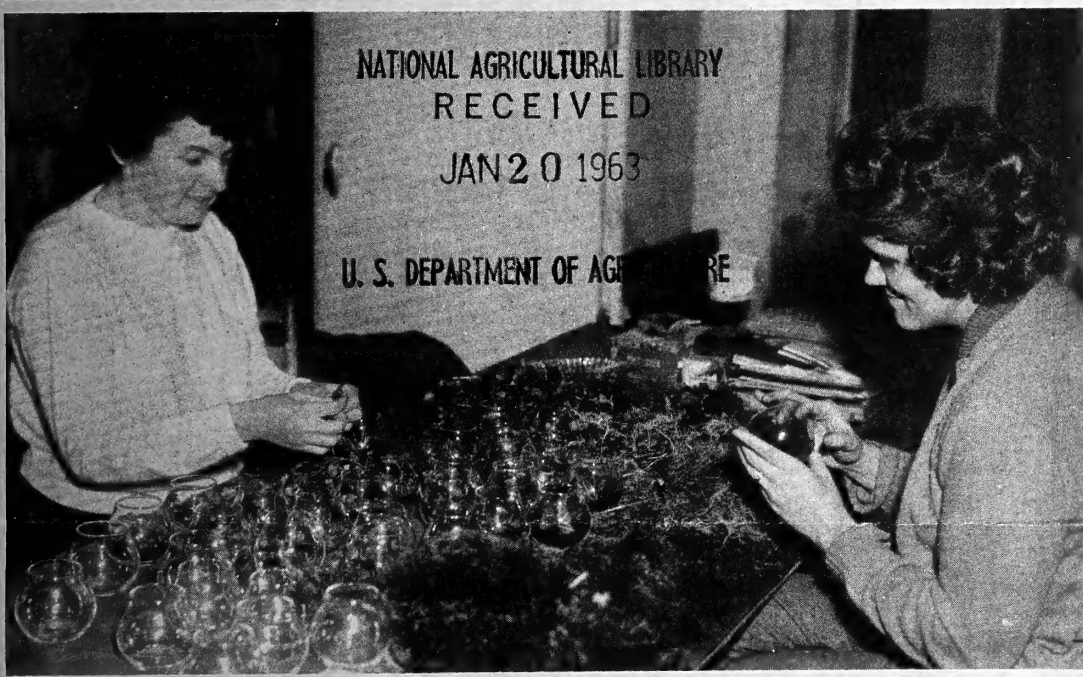
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Partridge Berry Bowls Packaged Woodland Material Wardian Cases
Insectivorous Plants Terrariums and Supplies Wildflowers Books
Natural History & Science Kits



ITEMS NEW & OLD TO BE FOR 1962 & 1963



MAKING BERRY BOWLS

Here are two of our girls making Partridge Berry Bowls. Generally there are four girls to each table. Notice the fancy background.

Foreword

Every fall it's the same - I try for two or three weeks to find time to write material for the new Register, and keep putting this important task off - until the very last minute. Landscape work, wildflower and fern collecting and buying for the fall shipping season are just a very few reasons for this delay. Today - Saturday, October 6th is a perfect day for this chore - it is pelting rain outside, too wet for man or beast. Here in the

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TERRARIUM SOCIETY

At long last I am beginning to see the realization of a cherished dream - A Terrarium Society.

We began this spring with a small membership which has grown steadily through the summer.

Terrariums through the ages have been a popular and practical way in which to grow plants indoors. Interest was high at the turn of the century, but then as our homes became easier to heat we found that it was possible to grow most types of plants indoors without the aid of a terrarium.

However, in the past seventeen years interest in terrariums is again steadily gaining in popularity. Perhaps, because with a terrarium, plant lovers of the colder zones have an opportunity to practice their love for growing things indoors, at a time of otherwise gardening inactivity. We have found at the different flower shows that many, many times it is the man of the family, who deprived of his summer gardening enjoyment, is the one who finds a terrarium fascinating.

Indoor gardening under glass is more than a small winter hobby but a winter 'way of life'. Indoor gardening under glass can be interesting, educational for young or old, and can provide a ready winter gardening hobby for the 'green thumb' right in the convenience and warmth of his own home. It also provides

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PLEASE READ

We are making an attempt to give our customers as much information as possible and hope you understand that it would be impossible to present this information to you in ordinary catalog format.

We hope you will understand that this a catalog of our items for sale.

RATTLESNAKE PLANTAIN PARTRIDGE BERRIES AND CONSERVATION

As many of our old customers know, the Allgrove family has been gathering the materials for, and selling Partridge Berry Bowls and terrariums for many, many years. Often we encounter the conservation aspect of gathering partridge berries and rattlesnake plantain. A word or two about the method in which we 'collect' these plants may set the minds of many avid conservationists at ease. For some 25 years one particular 'patch' of partridge berries approximately 50' long has repeatedly produced a large crop of berries.

The berries are picked carefully, but quickly, and not torn up roots and all and in this way we assure ourselves of a constant crop of fruited partridge berries each year. Also when time permits we bring in many sods of partridge berries to our own property from sites that will be excavated by bulldozers and road graders in the path of new road building. We do this with rattlesnake plantain and many other wild flowers that we use in our work and feel that much more can be done by others who are interested in our diminishing stands of native wild flowers and ferns.

As well as collecting rattlesnake plantain in areas to be put into new construction, I have found that by dividing the rhizome root of this native orchid into several 'eyed' portions and planting them, a new plant will form the next season and will reach maturity in three years. This method of increase has proved very valuable in building up our stands of rattlesnake plantain as well as allowing us to satisfactorily use it in wildflower planting for landscape clients.

Dear Mr. Allgrove:

Thank you so much for the delightful Berry Bowl you created and mailed to me from some dear friends. It was such a joy to receive - You took such pains to see it was properly packed, that you must love each item you mail out.

I simply wanted you to know how much it is appreciated.

V.E.L. N.Y.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find my check for supplies to use in a demonstration of terrarium making for 18 therapists at a V.A. Hospital. They have plans for introducing these to their patients.

Mrs. C.F.W. N.Y.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

Last year, we are sorry to say, we had two bowls that we were unable to deliver because we could not read the writing on the order. Please, either print or use your best 'penmanship class' handwriting on both your name and address, and if it's a gift, the address of your friend.



CHRISTMAS PARTRIDGE BERRY BOWLS

...Never Fail to Please...

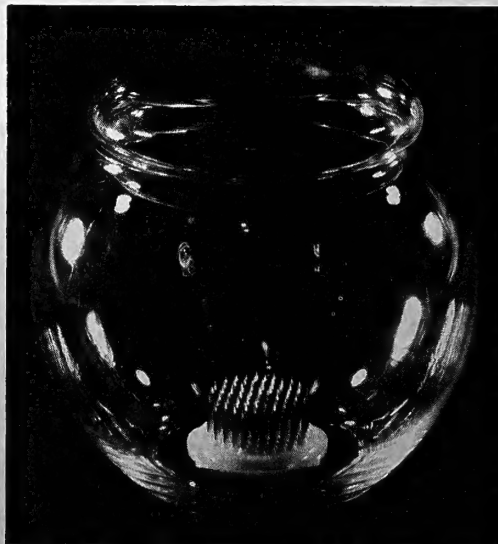
The perfect gift for people who love an old Fashioned Christmas. You will be remembered if you give your loved ones this lasting decorative reminder of the Yule tide in Old New England.

These Handmade Crystal Bowls are filled with Red Partridge Berries, Rattlesnake Plantain, lichens, sphagnum and other mosses. So traditionally New England and topped with perky red silk bows, they will be welcome gifts for friends or your own home. These unique touches of woodland green retain this beauty through late spring.

Illustrated left to right, in Handblown Crystal, No. 100, Ming Urn - \$10.00, No. 101, Planter - \$5.00, No. 102, Pear - \$4. All sent Postpaid.

Every order attractively packaged with lovely natural history gift card enclosed.

Sent Postpaid - Do not add postage.



IMPROVED SHIPPING TECHNIQUE

Pictured to the left is our Partridge Berry Bowl 101 showing our 'secret weapon' against Berry Bowl tipping in transit. On all bowls to be shipped mail order, we are adhering a flower arrangers 'frog' to the bottom of the bowl. With the 'frog' in place mosses, berries and other contents cannot slip during transportation.



Gentlemen:

Please send me your advanced terrarium-kit. I loved the partridge bowl just purchased. Now want to try my own hand at a terrarium.

M.H. N.J.

WILD FLOWER TRAIL AND OUR SHOP

For those people who have either written to us requesting permission to visit our Shop, or those who have already visited us, we feel flattered for as yet our appearance is pretty rough. The building is just an ancient workshop used at one time by my grandfather for woodworking. We have been slowly fixing this old building up so it will not only be more attractive but more functional - a better place to work in.

This fall we hope to add a new addition which will serve as a packing room and a garage, storage unit for tools, tractor and other equipment.

At present our greenhouse is a primitive polyethylene structure in which we can only grow hardy plants. Plans for a bigger and better greenhouse are in the not too distant future. A running brook and pool will be incorporated into our Wild Flower Walk. However, at present, the place is far from beautiful - interesting perhaps during November and December when we are assembling terrariums and packaging plants but it must be remembered that we are primarily a mailorder business and our Shop is a workshop, I might add, that we have sectioned off a portion of the building in which we have on display a good sampling of our various plants and products. This is open to the public seven days a week from one until nine p.m. during October, November, and December and by appointment, either by letter or by calling us at 658-4869, during the rest of the year. Although our appearance is rough - we welcome your visits.

Our season for terrariums is from September through May. That is when we have a good supply of fresh materials available for shipment and on hand for your inspection.

The wildflower trail will, when ready, be an example of the type of naturalizing and landscaping in which we specialize; a place not only for ourselves and our customers to enjoy and observe, but also a place to show prospective Naturalizing clients the various effects to be attained in landscaping their own property with natural indigenous plants and materials. In our natural landscaping department we offer complete design facilities as well as top notch craftsmanship in the following fields; site development, planting, seeding, stone and other masonry, wall building, large tree moving, bulldozing and patio and walk construction. Our rates are moderate, our work unsurpassed and we will travel anywhere.

OUR WILDFLOWER AND FERN CATALOG

For the people interested in outdoor gardening, I offer a complete list of native ferns, orchids, bog plants, wildflowers, ground covers and native trees and shrubs. Write for the complete list.



MAIL ORDER PARTRIDGE BERRY BOWLS

The above glassware is planted in the way our bowls are made for mail order shipment. Many cheery red partridge berries, delicate rattlesnake plantain, red and green sphagnum moss, a soft "Kelley" green swamp moss and other odd and interesting woodland plants are artistically arranged in these traditional "Friendship Bowls". Priced left to right.

Bowl 103, 6½" x 4" only \$3.50 postpaid.

Bowl 106, 8½" x 3½" only \$3.50 postpaid.

Bowl 107, 9½" x 4" - \$4.00 postpaid - not illustrated

Bowl 104, 8½" x 3½" - \$3.50 postpaid.

Bowl 105, 10" x 4½" only \$5.00 postpaid - Not illus.

Sent Postpaid - Do not add postage.

5% discount on all orders received before December 1,

FERN-A-RIUMS



Grow your own ferns from spores with one of these amazing and educational kits. Watch the development of the fern through the prothalli stage to the sporophyte stage in just a few weeks. Instructions must be followed precisely for best results. Kit includes many Ebony Spleenwort spores, growing container, sterile planting medium and complete instructions. Each \$1.98 or 3 for \$5.00 sent postpaid.

Sent Postpaid - Do not add postage.

RATTLESNAKE PLANTAIN KIT

An interesting, educational and conservation-wise little kit for those wanting to raise their own Rattlesnake Plantain Woodland orchids from eyed rhyzome portions.

Kit includes: 2 eyed Rattlesnake Plantain rhyzomes, 1 plastic container, planting medium, complete instructions for your success. Only \$1.98.

Postpaid



TERRARIUMS AND HOW TO GROW THEM

Interesting and education demonstration lecture by Arthur Eames Allgrove. Interest for all ages and groups completely fascinates any audience. \$35.00 within a fifty mile radius. On tour, the month of January, south to Louisiana, west to California. In February, North Carolina to Florida. If interested write for price.

Something new that we have found the Garden Clubs enjoy very much is a Workshop. I provide small kits of moss, soil and woodland plants, including Partridge berries and instruct each member of the club exactly how to make up a bowl or terrarium. The members, themselves, supply their own glass container. The kits are not all exactly the same and the final results are all different from one another and very pleasing.

During the course of instruction I try to tell about each plant, give a bit of it's history and if conservation applies to it, etc. I also inject some of the humorous anecdotes about my many years spent gathering terrarium plants, wild flowers, etc., and the funny little everyday happenings that make this business so interesting.

The Workshop takes about two hours and my fee is \$35.00 plus \$1.75 for each kit sold.

SUPPLIES

CHARCOAL (soil purifier and sweetner) 6 ox. pkg. 25¢

SPRAY BULB (Seamless rubber, complete with two spray-heads, an indoor gardening must) 8 oz. size. \$1.75

FEATHEROCK - Amazing, lightweight form of stone, very light, ideal for cliffs or ledges in the Terrarium. Generous package. 75¢

MAINE DRIFTWOOD - Gnarled and weathered genuine Maine Driftwood add an artistic touch to your design, or use them for other decorative purposes. Package of 2 interesting pieces small enough for a terrarium. 75¢

Larger pieces up to 12" long, really beautiful specimens, at a down to earth price. Each \$2.50

5 for \$10.00

10 for \$18.00

LIVE SPHAGNUM MOSS - Living mixture of the best red and green sphagnum available. Wonderful for accents in terrariums and a must for starting Venus Fly Trap bulbs. Many other uses. Poly-packed, generous portion. \$1.75

Due to the many requests for particular mosses packaged for Bonsai and other special purposes, I now offer the following polypacked mosses.

'KELLEY MOSS' - The bright green soft swamp moss so suitable for Berry Bowls and other accents. Polypacked, 8x3x15" \$1.75

'HARD MOSS' - That used by florists and home designers for Dish Gardens, Bonsai, etc. Polypacked, 8x3x15". \$1.75

FUNGI AND LICHENS - An appropriate selection of fungi and lichens for accenting the Terrarium or Dish Gardens. Poly-packed 4x2x8". \$1.75

MIXED SELECTION of the three above. Polypacked 8x3x15" \$1.75

TERRARIA PLANTING MEDIUM, A special mixture suitable for terrariums - Poly-packed, 4x2x8". \$1.75

TERRARIUM AND PARTRIDGE BERRY BOWL PLANT KITS

Beginner's Kit - Terrarium Plants and Mosses

Kit A - An interesting and educational assortment of Terrarium material which includes the following:

25 Partridge Berries

2 Rattlesnake Plantain

1 Walking Fern

6 Shining Club Moss

1 Ebony Spleenwort Fern

2 Pipsissewas

British Soldier, Various Mosses, Featherock, Driftwood and Soil.

Everything you need for a perfect planting including colored instructions and diagram sheet for only \$3.25 plus postage. Suitable for Plastic terrarium style TPl.

Advanced Kit - Terrarium Plants and Mosses

Kit B - A truly professional, educational assortment of Terrarium material that will grow. Many interesting and artistic arrangements may be made. The following plants are included:

50 Partridge Berries

4 Rattlesnake Plantain

3 Walking Fern

8 Shining Club Moss

2 Ebony Spleenwort Fern

3 Pipsissewas

British Soldier, various accent mosses, Featherock, Driftwood and Soil. Instructions and diagram for only \$4.75 plus postage. Suitable for Plastic Terrarium style no. TP2.

Beginner's Insectivorous Kit - Terrarium Plants and Mosses.

Kit C - This kit includes several of the most amazing plants in the world - insect eating plants! Watch the kit grow and then watch the plants eat live insects and tiny bits of raw hamburger. Kit includes:

25 Partridge Berries

2 Large Venus Flytrap Plants

2 Huntsman's Horns

2 Pitcher Plants

Various mosses, Featherock, Driftwood and Soil. Sent with colored instructions and planting diagram for only \$3.95 plus postage. Suitable for Terrarium style TPl.

Advanced Insectivorous Kit - Terrarium Plants and Mosses.

Kit D - Another advanced assortment of Terrarium material, featuring insect eating plants - truly the most amazing plants in the world. Includes:

50 Partridge Berries

2 Rattlesnake Plantain

2 Ebony Spleenwort Ferns

4 Large Venus Fly Traps

4 Huntsmans Horns

4 Pitcher Plants

Various accent mosses, Featherock, Driftwood and Soil. Shipped complete with colored instructions and planting diagram ready to plant, only \$7.50 plus postage. Suitable for Terrarium style TP2 or our Large Hip Roof Terrarium.

Berry Bowl Plants and Mosses

Kit E - Ample native material to assemble your own beautiful Berry Bowl. Keep it for your own enjoyment or give it as a gift to a friend or shut-in. Kit includes:

50 Partridge Berries

2 Rattlesnake Plantain

6 Shining club Moss

1 Ebony Spleenwort Fern

2 Pipsissewas

4 Goldthread

Various accent mosses, British Soldier, Featherock and Driftwood is sent with colored instructions and planting diagram for only \$3.50 plus postage.

Kit F - New Terrarium Kit for small containers and to generally acquaint the hobbyist with our products. Kit includes:

10 Partridge Berries

1 Fern

3 Pipsissewas

6 Shining Club Moss

3 Goldthread

Mosses and fungi for planting and accents.

Instructions and diagram for only \$2.50 plus postage.

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TERRARIUM AND PARTRIDGE BERRY BOWL PLANT KITS (Continued from preceding page)

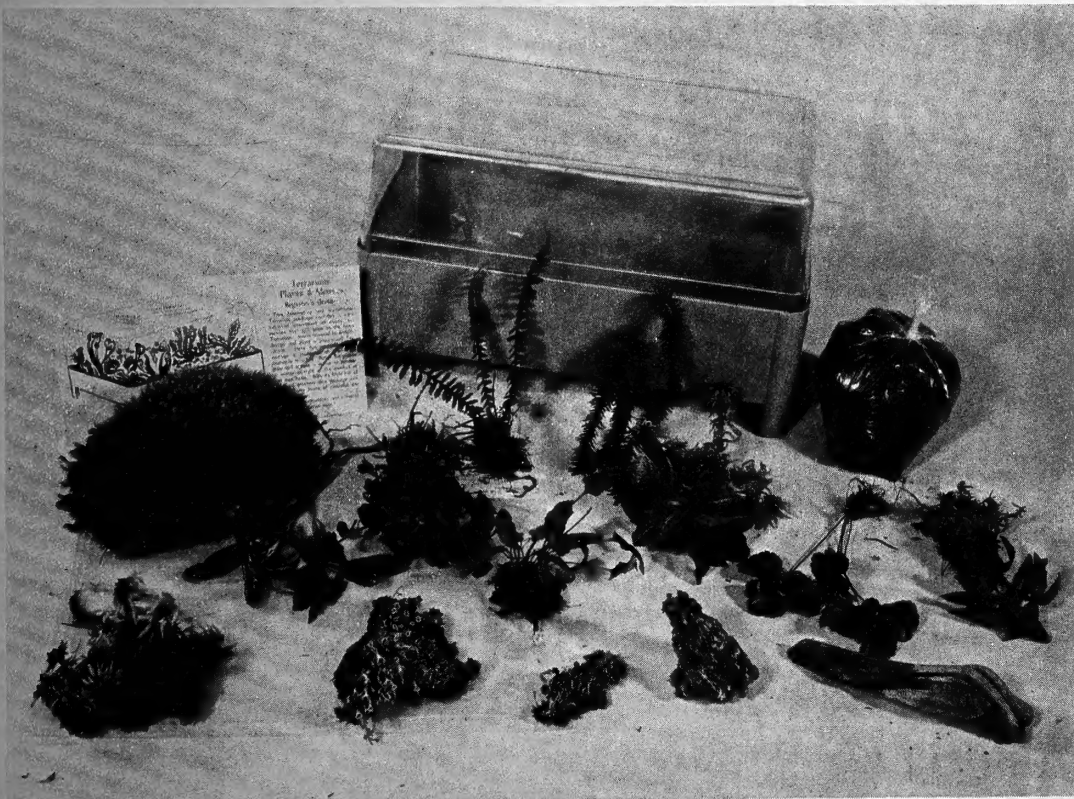
Kit G - New Insectivorous Kit. This kit is not meant to be used to plant a terrarium but rather is for the student or person who wishes to study or collect a sampling of the various insectivorous plants.

- 1 Venus Fly Trap Plant (mature - not a bulb)
- 1 Sundew - mature
- 1 Butterwort - mature
- 1 Northern Pitcher Plant - Mature large well formed pitchers.
- 1 Huntsman's Horn - These will develop new pitchers upon planting.
- Sphagnum moss to be used as growing medium and suitable cultural directions. \$4.50 plus postage.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Berries are usually not available for these kits from the middle of June until the first of October. If you desire a kit during the summer we will substitute a fern for the Partridge Berries.

Plants are not pictured on the kits, they are listed by their common and scientific lat in name. They may be identified by the line drawings in this Register.



KIT A WITH COMPONENTS

Illustrated above are the various plants, mosses, etc., you can expect to find in a Kit A. As well as possible they are identified left to right - front row: sphagnum moss, pixie caps, British Soldier, featherrock driftwood, middle row: Pipsissewas, Partridge Berries, Walking Fern, Rattlesnake plantain, Goldthread, Striped Pipsissewas, back row: moss, Ebony Spleenwort fern, Shining Club Moss, soil.

TERRARIUM PLANTS, MOSES & SUPPLIES

Partridge Berry



(*Mitchella repens*) - The best known Terrarium plant. 50 red berries with 4 - 5" stems bunched...\$1.00

Rattlesnake Plantain



(*Goodyera pubescens*) Dainty woodland orchid, thrives and often blooms under humid terrarium conditions. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50

Tessalated Rattlesnake Plantain

(*Goodyera tessalata*) Similar to above but with slightly different variegation. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50.

Ebony Spleenwort



(*Asplenium platyneuron*) Diminutive rock fern; thrives for many years under terrarium conditions. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50.

Walking Fern

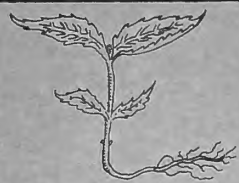


(*Camptosorus rhyzophyllus*) Small ever green fern with the habit of producing a new plant at the top of a frond where it touches the soil. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50.

Shining Club Moss



(*Lycopodium lucidulum*) Although one of the fern allies, it is included as the only club moss that readily takes root under glass. Wonderful for terrarium accents. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50. (Continued Pg. 6)



**Striped
Pipsissewas**

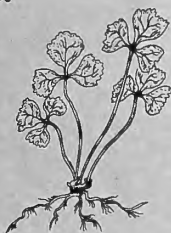
i.e. Spotted Wintergreen (*Chimaphila macaulata*). Another well known Terrarium Plant. Variegation similar to that of Rattlesnake Plantain. Needed for height in design. Bunch of 3 - 60¢. 3 bunches for \$1.50

Common

Pipsissewas



(*Chimaphila umbellata*) Very similar to above, quite like pachysandra. For height in your design. Bunch of 3 - 60¢. 3 bunches for \$1.50.

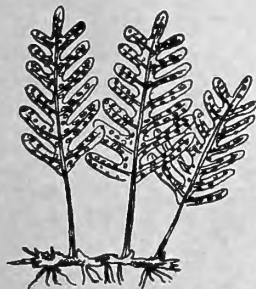


Goldthread

(*Coptis trifolia*) Dainty swamp plant - excellent for background in your design. 3 for 60¢. 9 for \$1.50.

Polypody

Fern



(*Polypodium vulgare*) Creeping fern, 4-8" high, with rather coarse pinnae. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50.



Ram's

Head

Ladyslipper

(*Cypripedium arietum*) a truly beautiful tiny woodland orchid, that, with care, will blossom in your terrarium. Each \$2.00. 3 for \$5.00.

I guarantee all plants to arrive in good condition, alive and ready to grow. I do not guarantee that they will continue to grow indefinitely as that is up to you to follow instructions carefully, and your own green thumb. All material, Kits, Terrariums etc., are shipped with suitable cultural instructions.

**Small
Yellow**

Ladyslipper



(*Cypripedium parviflorum*) Another beautiful woodland orchid for your terrarium. These orchids need more light than the ordinary woodland terrarium plant. Each 75¢. 3 for \$2.00.

Round Lobe Hepatica



(*Hepatica americana*) A plant that enjoys a great popularity for Terrarium use as its maroon tinted leaves add much to a planting design and usually this plant will bloom a few short days after planting. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50.

Selaginella



Creeping, fernlike plant that will form an underplanting in the terrarium, groundlike. A rare terrarium plant we have been seeking for 15 years and now have it always available. No terrarium should be considered complete without Seleginella. 60¢ each. 3 for \$1.50.



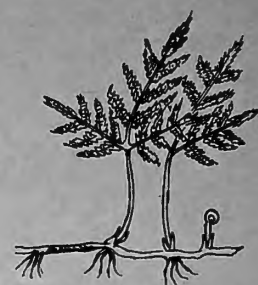
Rusty

Woodsia

(*Woodsia ilvensis*) A small, light green fern that is sometimes called a Resurrection fern. Grows very well in the humid condition of a terrarium. I have looked for it for years and now have a good source. \$1.00 each. 3 for \$2.00.

Blunt Lobe Woodsia

(*Woodsia obtusa*) Similar to above, but with blunter tips. Full green and more delicate in the shade than when in sunlight. \$1.00 each. 3 for \$2.00.



Oak Fern

(*Gymnocarpium dryopteris*) Tiny and dainty, but good for massing. 60¢ each. 3 for \$1.50.

Maidenhair

Fern



(*Adiantum pedatum*) Small roots to produce small specimens of this very desirable fern. 75¢ each. 3 for \$2.00

Fairy Caps



i.e. Pixie Caps, tiny, bugle like fungus. For low accents. Pad 2 x 2" each 50¢. 3 for \$1.00.

British Soldier



(*Cladonia*) Well-known red-tipped lichen. For low accents. Pad 2" x 2". Each 50¢. 3 for \$1.00.

Shinleaf

i.e. Wintergreen. (*Pyrola elliptica*) - (not illustrated) A new plant to our catalog this fall, is a very beautiful evergreen plant that shows promise as a good terrarium plant. Each 60¢. 3 for \$1.50.

Northern

Pitcher

Plant



(*Sarracenia purpurea*) Also known as 'Side Saddle Flower.' Has many tubular leaves that entice insects. Each 75¢. 3 for \$2.00.

Huntsman's

Horn



(*Sarracenia flava*) The insectivorous pitcher. (Continued Pg. 7)

TERRARIUM PLANTS

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er plant of the South. Tubular leaves are narrower than purpurea. Interesting. Each 75¢. 3 for \$2.00.

Venus Fly Trap



(*Dionea muscipula*) The most amazing insect eating plant. Tiny 'traps' hinged in the middle, will catch and eat live insects or tiny bits of raw hamburger. Truly a spectacular conversation piece. Our full grown plants are the best in the country, and are so much easier to care for than the bulbs available in department stores and supermarkets. Mature growing plants, per pot \$1.00. 3 for \$2.25.

Venus Fly Trap Kit

Two mature growing plants, growing medium, colored instruction sheet, completely ready to grow in your container. Each kit \$1.95.

Sundew



(*Drosera rotundifolia*) A diminutive insect eating plant that traps insects by a 'fly-paper' process, looks like a small red Venus Fly Trap. Each 50¢. 3 for \$1.00. *(Not always available in winter, but occasionally in stock. Always in stock May 1 thru Oct. 1)

Butterwort

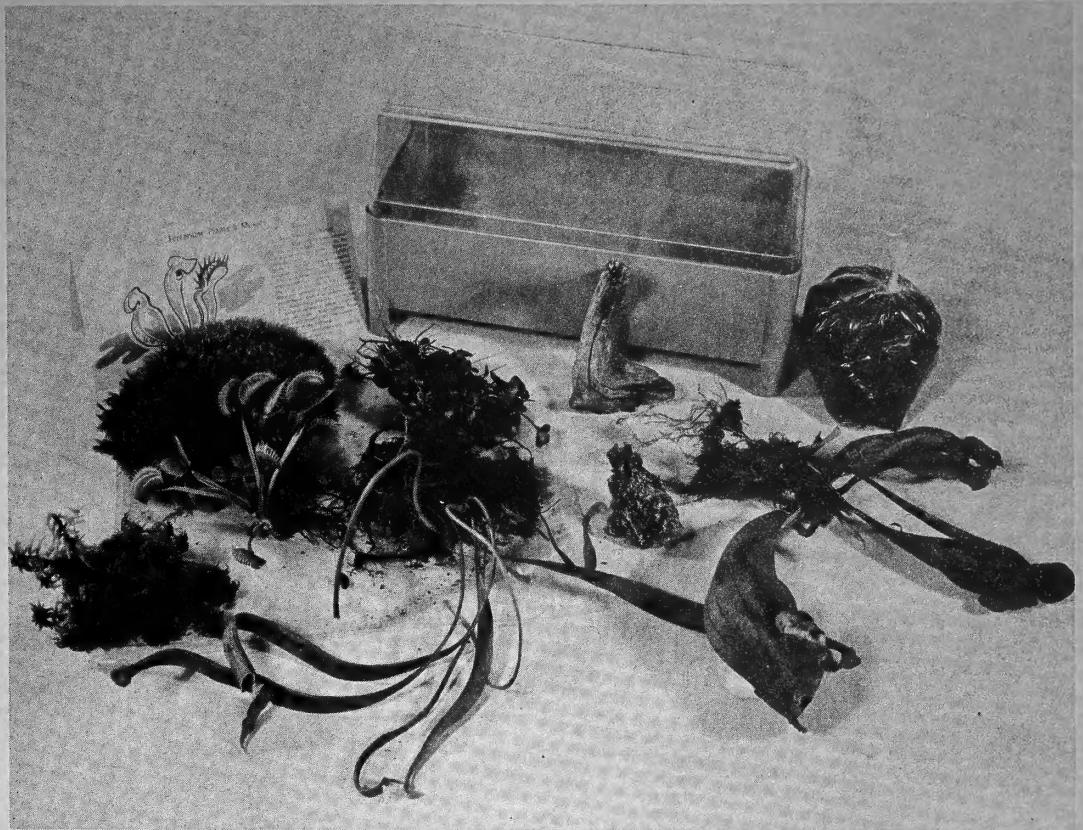


(*Pinguicula vulgaris*) A dainty plant with greasy feeling leaves that traps any insect that lights on the surface of the leaf. 75¢

Cobra Lily



(*Darlingtonia Californica*) The best known West Coast insectivorous plant, eats flies and other insects. All types of insects are attracted inside the hood by a honey-like secretion, once there they are trapped by tiny hairs and digested by the plant. Each \$1.49 - 3 for \$4.00. Packed in polyethylene and shipped with an informative instruction sheet.



KIT C WITH COMPONENTS

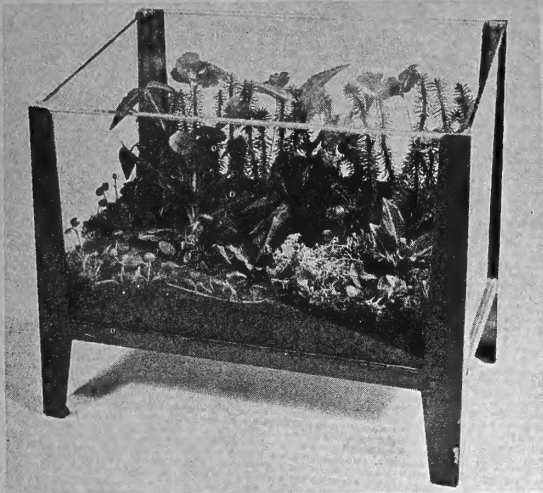
Kit C, our Beginner's Insectivorous Kit, is pictured above with all of the plants included. From left to right - sphagnum moss, Venus Fly Traps, Huntsmans Horn, Partridge Berries, featherock, driftwood, Northern Pitcher Plants.



CUTE AS A BUTTON!

Realistic pottery miniatures for terrariums, berry bowls, dish garden or for the collector. You'll cherish these beautiful, naturalistic little animals for ever.

Pictured above: Squirrel, \$1.00; Rabbit, 90¢; Deer, \$1.25; Skunk, 75¢; Frog, 75¢; Hound Dawg, 75¢; Turtle, 75¢; Squirrel-on-a-log, \$1.25. Not illustrated, Baby-Squirrel, 60¢; Baby Rabbit, 60¢; Mama Deer, \$1.00; Baby Deer, 85¢; Baby Skunk, 50¢; Baby Mouse, 50¢; Baby Frog 50¢; Baby Turtle 60¢. All sent postpaid, satisfaction guaranteed. Minimum order \$3.00.



TERRARIUM TP 4

The oldest terrarium we make, reliable, professional, easy viewing, are just a few of this Terrariums best points. Size 12" long, 8" wide, 10" high, footed, \$10.00. Because it is made of glass it can be shipped only Railway Express, collect. Choice of colors - green, gray or black.



OUR LARGEST TERRARIUM INSECTIVOROUS PLANTING

Our Hip-Roof Terrarium model TP 5, the best terrarium we manufacture, constructed of metal and glass, size 16" long, 12 1/2" wide and 18" high. Professional in every respect, suitable for classroom use or the serious terraria hobbyist. Your choice of color - green, gray or flat black - \$18.75 Railway Express collect.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The above price for Terrariums does not include plants - these are listed elsewhere under 'Terrariums and Partridge Berry Bowl Plant Kits'

POSTAGE

I find that I must continue with the practice of adding 15% for Postage East of the Mississippi and 25% West. Please add this to the total of all items purchased, except those that are marked postpaid.



TERRARIUMS

Illustrated above, Terrarium Model No. TP2. The planting in this terrarium, was requested specifically by an author for a new book. You may yet see this again in a future book about Indoor Gardening.

Early last year I introduced three new attractive and inexpensive terrariums. They are composed of an enameled, non corrosive, waterproof, footed metal base and a clear polystyrene top cover. They have proven very popular and are extremely effective. Available in three sizes, these new and totally different terrariums are presented in your choice of color: green, grey or black. Please specify color preference when ordering.

Model No. TP1 - 9" high, 12" long and 6 1/2" wide.

Only \$4.95, complete, ready to plant.

Model No. TP2 - 12" high, 15" long and 11" wide.

Only \$7.95, complete. (Illustrated in figure 6)

Model No. TP3 - 5" high, 8 1/2" long and 3" wide. Tiny but it really works. Only \$2.75 complete.

Model No. TP4 - Our old reliable metal and glass terrarium, which we have made for many years, very professional. Size 12" long - 8" wide, 10" high, footed, complete and ready to plant with one of our kits or your own plants. \$10.00. Shipped only R.E.A. Express collect. (Pictured elsewhere)

Model No. TP5 - Hip-Roof Glass Terrarium - Our best suitable for schools and the most dedicated terraria hobbyist. Size 16" long, 12 1/2" wide, 18" high, footed, (pictured elsewhere) \$18.75. Shipped R.E.A. Express collect only.

All items plus postage and packing charge - Add 15% East of Mississippi, 25% West.

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Foreword

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Shop it's cozy - a wood fire in the old pot-bellied stove, the gentle pitter pat of rain on the roof. So here goes for a solid day of writing.

Every year I learn something new about my chosen vocation - Terraria and Natural History. New plants and planting techniques are brought to my attention through my own experiences and the thoughtfulness of my many friends and customers throughout the land as well as abroad. New containers are presented. This year for instance a marvelous new method of making Partridge Berry Bowls so that they will ship better - ship so well in fact that they will reach the recipient in exactly the same condition as they were originally made - no tipping or sliding in transit. This new method of assembling is described elsewhere.

This is the second year that I have used this "newspaper style" as the format for a "Register", this style is easier for you to read, allows the use of more copy and many more photographs. I hope you all like this new and easier to read format as it was designed for you - to better describe my products and better acquaint you with the wonderful hobby of owning and using your own Terrarium, Partridge Berry Bowls and Natural History or Science Kits.

During the past few years more children and young adults are becoming interested in Terraria and Natural History. This is gratifying for the avenue of learning by doing with nature is a wonderful basis for a well-adjusted later life. Also these younger people, through these experiments can help us all to enjoy our hobby more fully and with a better understanding of it's possibilities.

Through the comments sent in on last year's Samplers by many helpful people, I have made many new changes this year - you will notice a few of our old items are gone (for lack of interest) and many, many new items have been added. Again this year a Sampler will be included in our mailings. Please take the time to jot down your thoughts - only by this help can I make my business better and more worthwhile to you, my cherished customers.

I have added quite a lengthy list of books to the few I had before - they are all excellent and have been carefully chosen for your own enjoyment or for gift giving. The do-it-yourself Terraria and Berry Bowl kits have been improved and a few new ones added. They have become increasingly popular through the years. The insectivorous plants are back again for children, students or the hobbyist and I believe they are the best available anywhere.

The new Science and Natural History kits are worth trying. For the most part they will best serve as gifts for friends and children - but do not underestimate the fact that they will bring great fun to you - Try one!

Something else that perhaps doesn't belong here in the foreword - but some of you may find interesting is my new Workshop type of lecture. This Workshop is offered to Garden Clubs and other groups who sincerely want to learn the right way to make a Terrarium, all material and individual assistance is offered to a group at a moderate cost. In the few instances it has been tried

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TERRARIUM SOCIETY

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a worthwhile educational project for school children; is an absorbing pastime for shut-ins and an interesting and relaxing project for patients involved in a long rehabilitation program from sickness or accident.

Our aim in the Terrarium Society is two-fold. First, we wish to bring back terrariums as a judging class in the large flower shows throughout the country.

Our second purpose is to have a medium whereby those interested in the hobby of terraria may freely exchange ideas, experiences and general helpful information that they have gleaned.

A Newsletter is mailed to the members four times a year. Eventually we hope that it will have a format similar to this Register, complete with pictures. Membership fees are \$4.00 per year or a three-year membership for \$10.00.

We welcome all ideas and suggestions. The Society is a non-profit organization and all monies taken in will be used to further the Society itself and interest in, and knowledge of, terrariums.

SCHOOL DISCOUNTS

Every year it seems that we hear from more and more teachers and students who are interested in the material that we supply. Teachers, especially the elementary ones, find that the terrarium is an excellent teaching tool for curious young minds interested in the world around them and some of the plants that they have either seen themselves or heard about. Here too, is a convenient place for a frog, salamander or chameleon to live in the classroom.

Students from the upper grades find that our insectivorous plants are an interesting project for their science fairs. To further and encourage this interest that the young people show in nature, we are continuing our practice of allowing schools, teachers and students a 20% discount when their order is either on school stationery or an order blank is signed by a teacher designating the name of the school and the type of project that the material purchased is to be used for.

EMPTY GLASSWARE

Because of the long wait that we have to replace our glassware and because of the high percentage of breakage in shipping glassware empty, we have found that it is really impossible to ship any of our bowls empty.

The handblown crystal bowls are available in some of the finer giftshops and you will find that the five and dime stores now have an assortment of inexpensive bowls that do have covers and really look very nice when they are made up into a berry bowl.

If you happen across a bowl that just suits your fancy, but does not have any cover, a local hardware store will cut a cover to fit it for you. The clear transparent saran wrap, stretched on tightly and secured with transparent tape, does very well for a temporary cover. Although not as pretty, it does serve the purpose.

SCIENCE KITS

All items plus postage

Science Kits are something that we had in the back of our mind for many years as a project to look into and try to develop. Emphasis today in all the schools is on Science. I for one am a naturalist who strongly believes that nature and science go hand in hand - that a child given the chance to develop his natural curiosity in one will branch out into the other. I have spent many hours in the past few years gathering the following kits, experimenting and testing with samples to make sure that you are going to receive the best and the most for the price of the kit.

The following I am sure will prove fascinating to young and old.



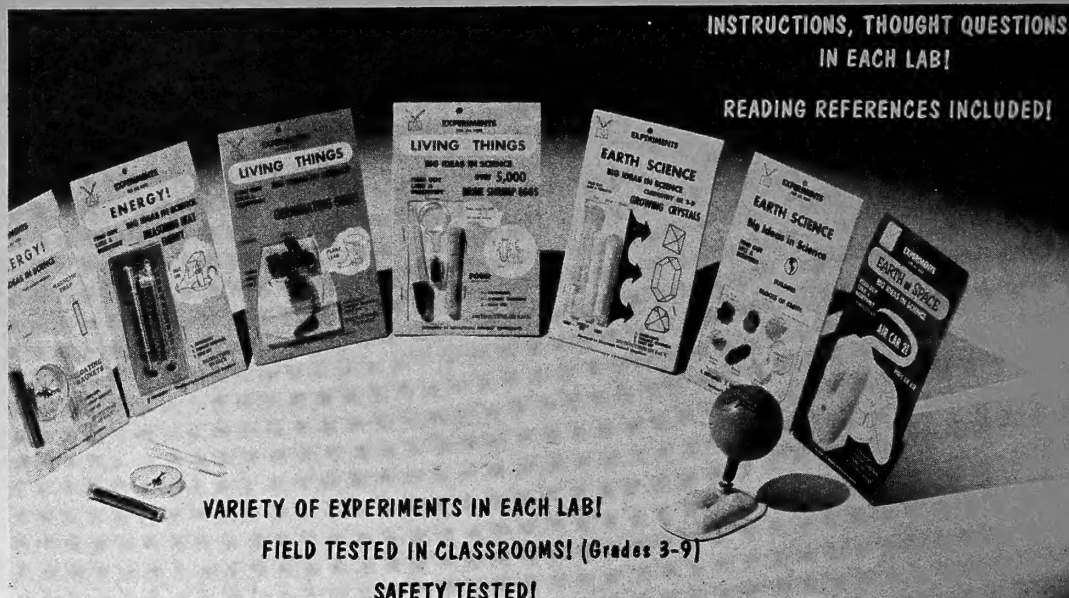
THE SCIENCE BOOK-LAB OF SEEDS

An educator-designed book and laboratory created for children aged 6 and up. A read-and-do adventure with an important scientific subject. The young explorer starts with a brightly illustrated, hardcover storybook of science...reads at his own speed...performs independently dozens of experiments described...makes his own fascinating discoveries...is guided to formulate correct conclusions...and is stimulated to further inquiry. Special germinating dish, selected seeds, plant food, and magnifying glass provide fascinating nature study activities. 48-page book by Millicent Selsam, author of children's science books. \$3.95



We are making an attempt to give our customers as much information as possible and hope you understand that it would be impossible to present this information to you in ordinary catalog format.

We hope you will understand that this is a catalog of our items for sale.



DISCOVERY LABS

- BRINE SHRIMP - The excitement of hatching and observing tiny, living, swimming creatures in a glass of water! 89¢
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All labs are complete as to materials and instruction. They are designed by educators for home and classroom use. They are planned to include the 'big Ideas' in science and use the latest scientific approaches. All involve easy experiments that the child or anyone can do themselves and learn while they enjoy



PLANT SCIENCE KIT

Introduces the 7 to 13 year old to the science of growing plants without soil. Contains assorted seeds, chemical plant food, vermiculite, plastic root cups, blotting paper, and illustrated booklet. \$2.00



ADVENTURE BOOK OF GROWING PLANTS

Kit contains a generous supply of equipment and an illustrated handbook. Helps children learn at school, provides endless hours of play, experimentation and creative satisfaction. The book section is by Frances M. Miner, Curator of Instruction, Brooklyn Botanic Garden and it contains over 60 how-to-do-it pictures and charts. The kit part includes: plastic seed holder, both flower and vegetable seeds, peat pots, pipette, magnifying lens, test blotters and papers, planting medium, etc. \$3.99

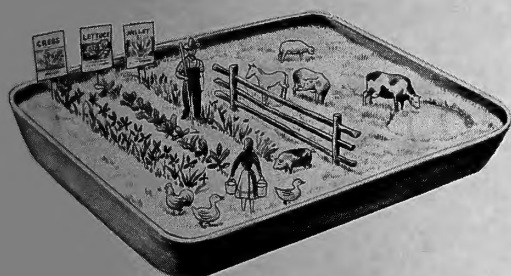
I find that I must continue with the practice of adding 15% for Postage East of the Mississippi and 25% West. Please add this to the total of all items purchased, except those that are marked postpaid.

MY OWN ROCK GARDEN



Complete with lawn, garden beds, pond and pebbled walks, a lovely house, trees, bridges, etc. Includes magic soil, waterproof tray, 10 x 13", figurines, seeds, plant food and full directions. **\$3.00**

GROW-A-FARM



The 'Grow-A-Farm' brings every boy and girl's dream of the country-side right into the living room. Ages 5 to 11. The 10 x 13" waterproof tray is the perfect size to grow a vegetable patch. It's easy, it's fun for children to plant the seeds in the magic soil; to water and cultivate; to watch the vegetables grow. **\$3.00**

All items plus postage

Last year, we are sorry to say, we had two bowls that we were unable to deliver because we could not read the writing on the order. Please, either print or use your best 'penmanship class' handwriting on both your name and address, and if it's a gift, the address of your friend.

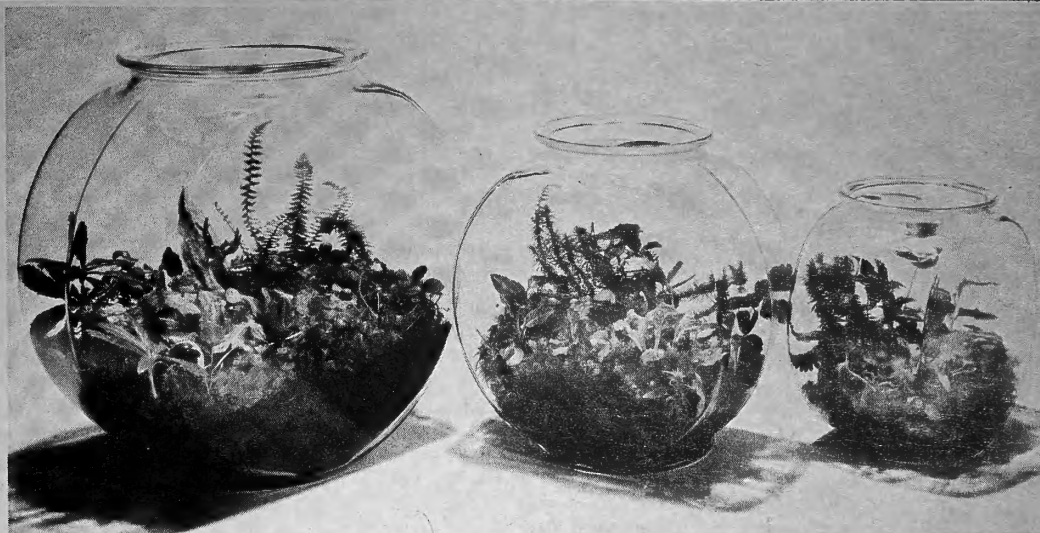
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Illustrated above, Drum shaped Fishbowls planted as terrariums with tiny woodland ceramic miniatures. These are available at our Shop fully planted. Prices differ as to plant arrangement. From about \$4.00 for the small bowl to around \$10.00 for the largest. Illustrated left to right, 110, 2 gallon size; 109, 1 gallon size; 108, 1/2 gallon size. These are available only without covers

Foreword

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the groups have astounded me with their excellent results.

The new Terrarium Society will perhaps be of interest to some. It has been needed for many years to promote Terraria as a judging class in flower shows and as a means of getting together a large group with a common and unusual interest. So far the group is small but growing - join if you are genuinely interested in Terraria and share with us your joys and experiences. The fee is small - the potential great.

By encouraging more people to visit my Shop - I have met many interesting folks and have shared some of their thoughts. The Shop is easy to find, from Route 128, take Route 93 north, 4 or 5 miles to the Concord Street exit and proceed westerly to first crossroad (Woburn Street) then right 1/2 mile to my sign on the left. Address 281 Woburn Street. If you live nearby or are in this area visit us, we are open 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. seven days a week til Xmas and by appointment thereafter. Our telephone is 658-4869.

So you can see many new things are in store this year - I hope they meet with your approval, for you, my friends and customers, are who make all this possible. I do not ever want this business to become too big so as to be impersonal for the opportunity to be close to you and our common interest is what makes this all worthwhile. Keep your letters and comments coming - it is through your continued comments that I learn.

I hope you will find our new items of interest, and may I assure you that all items and material are the best that I can find or manufacture and are available to the most discriminate buyer for gifts or for their own use. All items contained in this Fifth Register are guaranteed to be of the same high quality that I've always maintained - continuing my policy of the "golden rule" principle of business.

October 1962

Arthur Eames Allgrove

BOOKS

Throughout the year we have been compiling the following list of books. We have obtained from the various publishers their book listings, poured over these and picked out the titles that we thought would be most interesting to all of you. We then obtained copies of the books (again this year may we thank various librarians for their kindly assistance) read them carefully to check their appeal, accuracy and general interest.

The following is the end result:

Cobb, Boughton - A Field Guide to the Ferns. Houghton Mifflin. Peterson Field Guide Series. Small, easy to carry afield. Details on not only ferns, but horsetails, clubmosses, spikemosses and quillworts as well. Illustrates spore cases, leaf patterns to aid in identifying the species. \$4.95

Durand, Herbert - Field Book of Common Ferns. G.P. Putnam's Sons. Illustrated with actual photographs of the ferns, as well as many drawings. Small, easy to carry. Excellent for the beginner to identify ferns. \$3.50

Hausman, Ethel Hinckley - Beginner's Guide to Wildflowers. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1080 illustrations. Pocket field guide for plants east of the Mississippi. Completely indexed for cross reference purposes. The flowers are arranged by color for easy identification. \$3.50

Jauss, Anne Marie - Discovering Nature Year Round. E.P. Dutton. A really lovely informative book. \$2.50

Jordan, Emil L. - Guide to Nature Hobbies. C. J. Hammond. Good drawings. This book covers collecting rocks and minerals, shells, plant hobbies, terrariums, aquariums, birds, butterflies and insects - how to collect them, how to photograph wildlife, fishing and hunting. \$2.95

Kieran, John - Introduction to Wild Flowers. Hanover House. 100 flowers in full color by Tabea Hofmann. The flowers are arranged in the book in the order that they bloom in the season. This book is a must if there are children in the family as it properly identifies many of our common field and roadside flowers. Mr. Kieran many of you will remember for his many years on radio in 'Information Please'. \$2.50

Shuttlesworth, Dorothy E. - Exploring Nature with your Child. Greystone Press. Very good photograph and line drawings. An introduction to the enjoyment and understanding of nature - birds, animals, insects, fish, reptiles, trees, flowers, stars, earth and planets, weather. Miss Shuttlesworth is the editor of the Junior Natural History Magazine of the American Museum of Natural History. \$4.95

Steffek, Edwin - Wildflowers and How to Grow Them. Crown publishers. 100 illustrations, 50 in full color. This is a book I have used myself for years and strongly recommend it to anyone interested in growing their own wildflowers. Mr Steffek is an as-

sociate editor of Popular Gardening Magazine. 4.50 \$3.95

Sterling, Dorothy - Story of Mosses, Ferns, and Mushrooms. Doubleday. The most informative book we could find on this fascinating subject. \$2.75

Wertsner, Anne - Make your own Merry Christmas. M. Barrows & Co. How to make gifts and decorations from your own garden and other natural gifts from materials readily obtainable. 30 illustrations. \$2.95

JUVENILE BOOKS

The following are juvenile selections chosen because they either stimulate an interest in science or we feel that they will start a child to think and wonder about nature and what is in the world around him.

Cooke, Emogene - Fun Time Window Gardens. Childrens press. Suitable for ages 8-10. practical experiments with growing plants from seeds, slips, etc indoors. \$2.50

Gates, Richard - True Book of Conservation. Childrens Press. Age 7-8. Mr. Gates is a professional artist who lives and works in Michigan. His love of the beauty of our land led to his interest in conservation and to this book which instills in young minds a new appreciation of, and responsibility for, the natural beauties and resources of our land. A concept of conservation as close to home as the ladybug on the doorstep. \$2.00

Leavitt, Jerome - Fun Time Terrarium and Aquarium. Childrens Press. Ages 8-11. Shows desert, woodland and bog terrariums. Information on selecting and stocking your own aquarium. \$2.50

Podendorf, Illa - Science Experiments Children's press. Simple starting experiments for the young child. Age 6-8. Many four-color illus. \$3.00

Podendorf, Illa - True Book of Plant Experiments. Childrens Press. Age 6-8 Dozens of simple experiments - with plants and parts of plants - which children can do at home or at school. \$2.00

Podendorf, Illa - Weeds and Wildflowers. Childrens Press. Age 6-8. Miss Podendorf teaches science to children in the laboratory school of the University of Chicago. This book helps a child recognize the harmful weeds and see the importance of conservation of our wild flowers. \$2.00

Watson, Jane W. - Wonders of Nature. Affiliated publishers. A book to arouse a child's natural curiosity about the world around them. \$1.00

Nature Walks. Affiliated Publishers. This book is so new that we could not find out the name of the author, but the advance publicity by the publishers made the book sound so intriguing that we decided we must include it for you. A truly enjoyable book of what we may discover on ramblings through our nearby woods and fields. \$1.99

ED-U-CARDS OF NATURE

Lovely full color photographs of either Butterflies and Moths; Rocks and Minerals; or Sea Shells. Each box contains 54 cards in full color with a short, interesting story description and a self-study quiz.

Butterflies and Moths \$1.00
Rocks and Minerals \$1.00
Sea Shells \$1.00

BOOKLETS

Terrariums and How They Grow - Arthur Eames Allgrove. Completely revised. A copy of the lecture given by me to Garden Clubs. \$1.00

How to Make a Terrarium - R. T. Fox. A bulletin published by the New York State College of Agriculture with directions for making a terrarium and caring for it. 25c

Insectivorous Plants and How to Grow Them - Arthur Eames Allgrove 25c

Terrarium Notes and Anecdotes - Arthur Eames Allgrove. Humorous bits and worthwhile tips on making and caring for a terrarium. 50c

Beginning Your Terrarium 35c
 (Should be titled 'Animals in the Terrarium')

Chameleons 35c

Frogs and Toads 35c

Salamanders & Newts 35c

Horned Toads as Pets 35c

Wild Birds in Your Garden 35c

Ferns and Palms 35c

Fabulous Flowering Plants 35c

Bonsai in your Home 35c

Orchids in your Home 35c

Turtles as Pets 35c

Herb Gardens 35c

The following Audubon bulletins are offered for 29c each:

Turtles - their habits and life histories.

Snakes - feeding habits, skin shedding importance in nature.

Frogs and Toads - feeding and care in captivity.

Salamanders - differences, feeding.

Live Insects in the Classroom - directions for maintaining an insect zoo.

Club Mosses and Horsetails - Ground pines, ground cedars.

Fungi - How they grow and their importance in nature.

The Terrarium - a miniature garden under glass.

The following Audubon charts for identification purposes are available for 35c each.

Lichens - 20 of the common ones.

Mosses - 32 of the common mosses.

Dear Mr. Allgrove:

My husband and I consider your 'Fourth Register' a superb creation - informative, interesting, well illustrated, systematic and a work to be proud of.

Last year I ordered a Partridge berry bowl from you as a gift and it was a great success and arrived in beautiful condition. This year I'd like to order one too.

Mrs. W.D. Conn.



WARDIAN CASES Indoor Gardening at Its Best

Now you may enjoy perfect, year-round, indoor gardening success with a Wardian Case. You will be able to raise those stubborn seeds, seedlings and cuttings and hard-to-grow house plants. This case offers such all-important features as; Sliding glass panels for each opening, affording trouble-free, easy plant manipulation; and special double-thick, air space construction preventing undesirable outside condensation.

Wardian Case size - 16" x 24" x 30" (Height). Includes shelf brackets for flats of seedlings, 15 watt cool, day light fluorescent tube and fixture, and 12" wrought-iron legs.

Completely assembled, picked up at my Shop. \$55.00

*Shipped Express collect without glass \$50.00

*Due to the sliding glass feature, glass is not set in any permanent compound, but is free, and would break in transit. Weight, 18 lbs.

COMING EVENTS

Last year in this column we mentioned introducing small orchids to grow in the terrarium and many of you expressed interest in them. We're sorry to say, however, that we experimented with them and they did not do as well as we expected them to do. We are now trying a different type and will let you know how these work out. In the meantime, you will notice that we have some cypripediums this year.

This summer we collected some bladderwort and stored it in a tank with our tadpoles. Now, we foolishly thought, we're all set on that. We were wrong - the tadpoles loved it - in about three days the bladderwort was all gone and all we had to show for it were the large, fat tadpoles. We also found out that it is impossible to ship the bladderwort.

The small pump is something that we still hope to have in the future. We must admit that we just have not had the time to experiment with this as much as we would like to before we offer it for sale. For those of you who would like to try a large terrarium with a brook, waterfall or whatever, we want to be able to include a workable diagram along with the pump.

We have been working all year on the Science Kits that we mentioned last year. Elsewhere in this Register you will find a selection of the best ones that we have found and tried.

We are also working and experimenting with growing other ferns from spores like our Ebony Spleenwort fern-a-riums.

By next year we hope to have a new and less expensive terrarium. We are always on the look-out for new shapes and sizes of terrariums - those that would be practical for shipping.

Our other project that we are experimenting with is Sink Gardens, which are miniature landscapes planted with tiny trees and plants in metal, wooden and concrete troughs and grown out-of-doors. More about this is the future.

Any of you that would be especially interested in any of these new things, please don't hesitate to write to us and let us know your thoughts about them. It is only through your letting us know what you want that we can best please and satisfy your wants.



SORTING THE MAIL

My wife, Evelyn sorting orders before they are processed for shipping. We have found that by keeping similar orders together the shipping is speeded up considerably.

ANIMALS IN THE TERRARIUM

We will continue to handle booklets on animals that are considered best for raising in terrariums or vivariums as a terrarium containing an animal should properly be called.

We will not, however, handle any of these live animals ourselves. Our Shop, as we have mentioned before, is a workshop and in the winter the heating facilities are not consistent enough to keep the animals. In the summer months our landscape contracting work calls us off for days at a time so that there is no one around to properly feed and generally care for the animals. We would suggest that if you are interested in an animal of some type you contact a local pet shop and they should be able to obtain one for you. The booklets that we handle you will find are very informative and will help you in many, many ways to not only select the proper pet for you, but also to take good care of whichever one you choose. The booklets will tell you, for instance, what type of habitat each animal prefers, what he will like to eat, whether he needs sunshine and the temperature he will do the best in.

FROM HERE AND THERE

That Man Is Here Again

Those of you who remember the 'Here and There' column in the Fourth Register will enjoy this story, I'm sure.

At the New England Spring Flower Show a lady came up to our booth and inquired if this was the booth that belonged to Mr. Allgrove - 'the man with the long gray beard.'

Beware The Venus Fly Trap

Insectivorous plants sound dangerous and to the passing ants, spiders and flies perhaps they are, but really, they don't bite people. There is no need to don a pair of mittens, as we saw one ten year old boy doing before he would touch a Venus Fly Trap.

Pet Animals

Although we haven't had any snakes in our Shop for almost a year now, we find that some of the ladies still hesitate before they enter and ask if there are any snakes in there because if there are, they are certainly not going to come in.

Tribute

Recently one of the most wonderful people we know, an elderly man in the North Carolina hill country, who for many years has supplied us with a large amount of our terrarium plants, announced to us last spring that he was going to retire from collecting. Upon hearing this we decided that it was time to balance a small amount we had with him and wrote to him to find out the exact amount we owed. In a few days we received a reply stating that our balance had been paid in full. A kindly gesture by a wonderful old man.



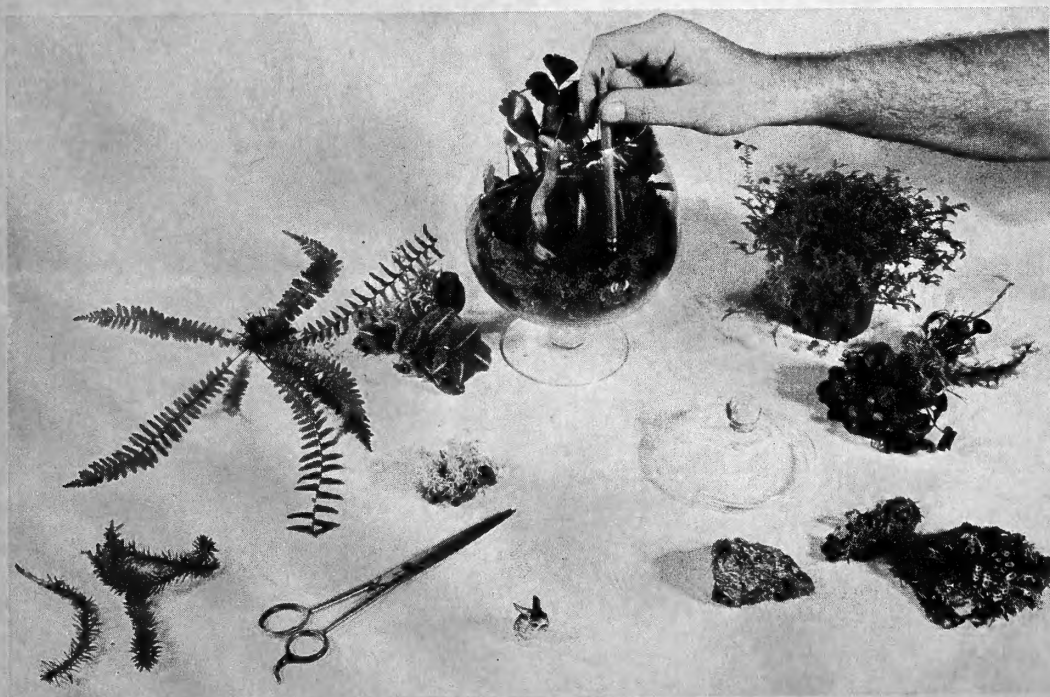
CUSTOM BUILT WARDIAN CASE

This Wardian Case was custom built for a customer who wanted a large case for flowering size plants. It is 4' long, 3 feet wide and 3 1/2 tall. When this case was picked up by the customer it just barely fitted into her foreign SAAB car.



FOUR STEPS TO PLANTING A TERRARIUM

The first step to take is to neatly assemble all of the material needed for your Terrarium. The following items appear above from left to right starting at the bottom of the picture: Shining Club Moss, pencil, scissors, driftwood, charcoal, ceramic rabbit, featherrock, British Soldier, Fairy Caps, Goldthread. Left to Right: Striped Pipsissewas, Ebony Spleenwort fern, Rattlesnake Plantain, lichen, Brandy Snifter, Soil, Partridge Berries, potted Selaginella (or other mosses available) All of these items are to be kept clean and separated from each other.



Step two is to place soil in Snifter to a depth of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the height of container on a slight slant to approximate a slight hill and sprinkle with charcoal for sweetness. Then plant the tall plants in the background, i.e., Pipsissewas, Goldthread, Shining Club Moss, and the Ebony Spleenwort fern, using as tools, your pencil and scissors. Next place your driftwood and featherrock in the arrangement in an interesting position.

TERRARIUM TIPS AND TIDBITS PARTRIDGE BERRIES

We have had many questions about the rooting of the Partridge Berries. They are picked with 4 to 5 inch stems so that they will continue to grow year after year. They are a scarce plant and must be picked this way. However, when planted in a terrarium, just stick the stem into the soil, they will soon take root and you will have a real plant.

SHINING CLUB MOSS

When planting Shining Club Moss use your finger and thumb nail to scrape off the bottom needles. This gives you a nice point to plant deep into the earth so that the Club Moss will stand straight and tall against the back of your terrarium, and will root more readily.

INSECT PESTS

When moss and plants from the woods are used, quite possibly some insect pests will hatch out. Aphids and any other unwelcome tenants may be dispatched by blowing a mouthful of cigarette smoke and recovering the bowl tightly for a short time.



JUST PART OF A NORMAL DAYS SHIPPING

Pictured above is one half of a day's shipping. Mrs. Wicks is checking to see that each package bears the government Japanese Beetle and Gypsy Moth certification stamp. We are certified to ship all over the world, as well as within this country.



VENUS FLY TRAP - SMOKING!

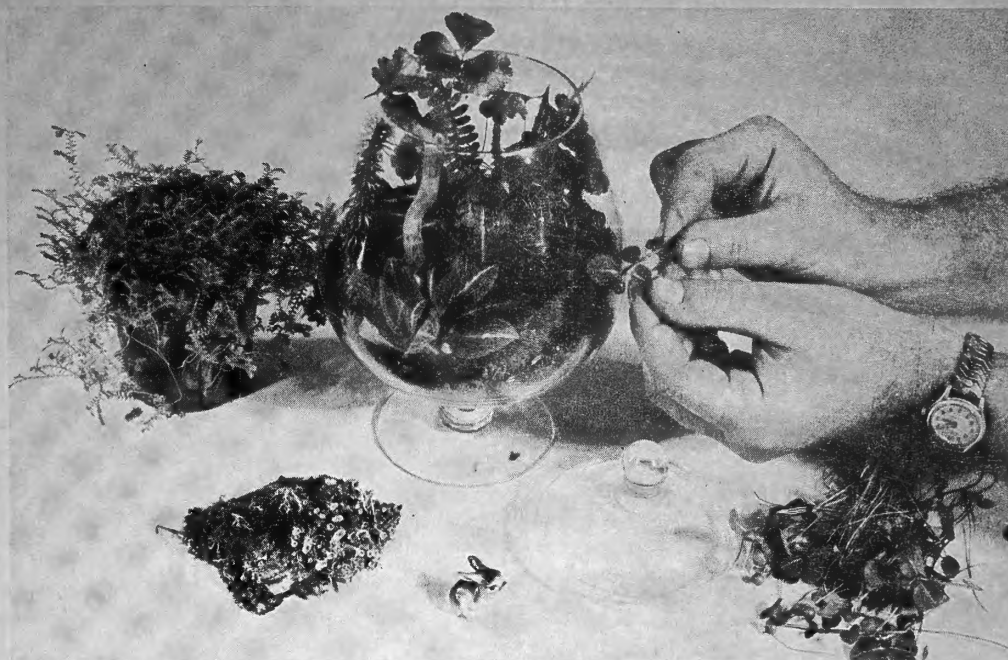
The above picture illustrates the power in a single 'trap'. This plant is representative of the nearly 5000 plants we grow during a year.

Horticultural Hall Inhabited

Last summer we tried to keep an assortment of turtles, chameleons and small snakes around for our younger visitors. Terrariums make excellent homes for these small animals and it starts a child learning about different plants and woodland lore in general. We found a very small ringneck snake and popped it into one of our fishbowls. In about a week he disappeared and we decided that he must have gotten out in some way and forgot all about him.

In the fall we packed up and went into Boston to the Chrysanthemum Show held in Horticultural Hall. Imagine our surprise the second day there to see our old friend the ringneck snake lying out on a fern frond in the terrarium we had brought with us for display.

STEP THREE



The next step calls for the attractive placement of your remaining plants. Rattlesnake Plantain, British Soldier, Fairy caps in the foreground because they are the lowest items. Then you plant the partridge berries. This is best done by breaking the stem at a joint so a stiff stem is made, this being easier to push into the ground. Break the berries for the 'front' of the planting at the first joint and at the second or third joint for the berries planted in the background.



The fourth and final step calls for the planting of the Selaginella or moss as ground cover in the bare spots left. Placing your ceramic animal, if available. Then the entire planting is pruned (with scissors) and is cleaned up to appear as attractive as possible. About three tablespoons of water is then sprinkled over the planting, then the cover put in place. You do not need water again until you notice the absence of moisture or condensation on the glass.

FROM HERE AND THERE God's Country

For many years I have gathered a great deal of my terrarium material in the interesting little town of Milo, Maine. The greatest institution in this town is the corner restaurant where if you sit there long enough, everyone in town is sure to come in for their daily cup of coffee. As the town is a sleepy, well-adjusted little town one is apt to meet all types of people. One of my favorites is the local real estate man who is not the ordinary real estate man - busy, busy, busy, but rather a fellow who takes life rather leisurely and sells property only if someone presses him. The rest of the time he sits around the restaurant drinking untold cups of coffee and discoursing on any subject, be it higher mathematics, chemistry, scientific botany or what have you. All subjects discussed learnedly. My favorite of course is his vast knowledge of many of the plants that I use. For the last two or three years he has mentioned the fact that Ebony Spleenwort ferns grow in great profusion on the northeast side of Borestone Mountain near the summit. Finally on Labor Day weekend I decided to go and find them. After driving many miles, leaving my car, and climbing almost vertically for an hour and a half, my only reward was exhaustion, for when I reached the summit the northeast wall of the mountain was so steep that only a mountain goat could have climbed it. Now I'm not so sure that the twinkle in that real estate man's eye was not just his Irish good humor, rather, I believe I was the butt of a practical joke. Even if this is true I'm glad, for I saw a new area of Maine - to me the most beautiful to date - with all sorts of other rare flora.

Our local collector in Milo is another wonderful Maine individual. A man who has many different occupations, one of which is the rather unglorious job of keeping the streets clean, a chore he performs early every morning. He has a pet bantam chicken and everywhere he goes the chicken follows him - even up and down the main street of the town.



INSECTIVOROUS PLANTS

The Insectivorous plants unlike the woodland plants need very strong sunlight and a high humidity. One way to supply them with the humidity that they require is to place the pot in a saucer of water and keep a plastic bag over the top. You then have created a miniature greenhouse for your plant. The Venus Fly Trap plant's main attraction is its traps. Naturally the larger the traps become, the more spectacular your plant. When the blossom starts to appear, cut it off, the strength of the plant will then go into making bigger and better traps and not into the insignificant looking blossom.



1962 NEW ENGLAND SPRING FLOWER SHOW

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